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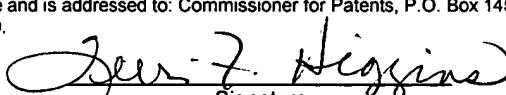
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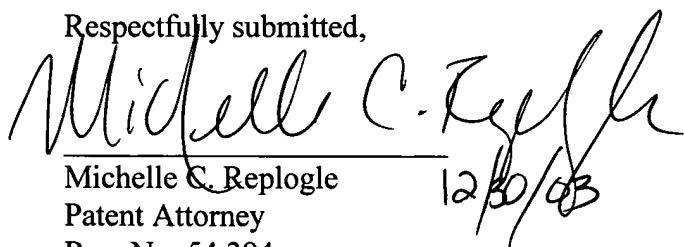
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In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion, reconsideration and allowance of the claims.

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